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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Swaziland Bureau--June 1982

I. GENERAL

A. In response to a letter from former Ambassador Matheron, forwarding a bureau-prepared package of incoming and outgoing copy reflecting the types of information available from FBIS, the Swazi Government designated the Permanent Secretary in the Deputy Prime Minister's office as the contact point to receive FBIS material. At a meeting on 8 June, the Permanent Secretary asked to receive wirefiled material on Southern Africa, as well as the Middle East and Africa DAILY REPORT. While not stated specifically by the PS, it appeared that the Swazis were asking for the material because they are specifically entitled to it under the terms of the agreement on the bureau rather than from any clearly perceived need for it. That may change now that they have started to receive the material -- packages are handcarried to the Deputy Prime Minister's office on a daily basis -- but at least initially they did not seem to have any clear idea of what they would do with it.

Also present at the meeting with the PS was the deputy director of the Swazi Broadcasting and Information Service, whom the PS wanted to send out to inspect the bureau's technical facilities and equipment. In not untypical Swazi fashion, the official failed to show up at the appointed time, and nothing further has been heard in that regard. The PS was assured that government officials are welcome to visit the bureau at any time.

In a brief conversation at the official function hosted by the Charge and his wife on 2 July to mark American Independence Day, the Swazi Prime Minister, Prince Mabandla, was invited to visit the bureau. He expressed thanks for the invitation, though it is not felt likely that he will actually take the time to pay a visit.

B. According to the State Department Swaziland desk, Ambassador-designate Robert Phinny had an "excellent" visit in FBIS Headquarters when he was given a briefing during June. The desk officer, in comments to the Charge here, contrasted Phinny's FBIS visit with his calls on the Peace Corps and AID, where his briefings were not well organized. With his Senate confirmation hearings now delayed due to the Senate's July 4th

recess and scheduled hearings on Shultz' nomination as Secretary of State, Phinny is not expected to arrive in Swaziland until late August or early September.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Bureau coverage was expanded slightly during the month with the addition of a Madagascar newscast in French, as well as a Johannesburg International Service in English morning news and commentary program not on coverage by BBC Caversham. Newscasts from Botswana and Zimbabwe, also covered by the BBC unit in Malawi, are being sampled on a regular basis to gauge bureau reception, which thus far has been fair to good. Further expansion of bureau coverage and operating hours is contingent on the arrival of junior editor [redacted] now scheduled for 22 July, and the bureau chief's 12 September return from Home Leave.

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2. At bureau request, the embassies in Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Zambia and Zimbabwe have placed subscriptions to local newspapers on behalf on the bureau, with the issues to be sent by international airmail. The subscriptions were to begin on 1 July, so no lag time has yet been established for any of the papers. Responses to similar requests are still awaited from the embassies in Botswana, Madagascar and Mozambique. In addition, the embassy in Pretoria is placing subscriptions for the bureau with two additional South African English-language papers and two Afrikaans-language papers, as well as four papers from Namibia.

B. Lateral Services

1. In a message received during the month, the American Embassy in Maputo stated that it "very much appreciates" the FBIS material on Mozambique it began receiving in May. The Embassy also requested that FBIS monitor the "Voice of Free Africa," the radio of the Mozambique National Resistance. Unfortunately, the radio cannot be heard by EAU in Nairobi, which has the necessary Portuguese capability. Checks by the bureau at month's end failed to locate the radio at the times it was previously known to be transmitting, though Radio Nigeria covered the same frequency quite strongly.

2. At the request of FCS, the bureau began recording the "Voz da Resistencia do Galo Negro," a pro-UNITA Angolan clandestine radio, for a Washington consumer. Recordings of the radio, which is on the air apparently only Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 0430 to 0600 GMT, began on 30 June and will continue to the end of August. The cassettes are being forwarded to Washington for processing.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. [] entered on duty on 28 June as bureau technician.

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2. The Embassy JAO began contacting local companies as the first step in a local wage survey. The survey has been delayed by an injury suffered by the Embassy Pretoria Personnel Officer, who was scheduled to come to Mbabane to do the necessary legwork, but it is expected that a new, increased wage scale will be implemented some time in August.

B. Building and Grounds

1. Renovation work on the bureau was still dragging along at month's end, though the quality of the work remains quite high. Work is about 90 percent complete, but it will take another 2-3 weeks to finish off the editorial and commo rooms, bureau chief's office and reception area. That will put completion some two months behind the contractor's original estimate. While not a serious hindrance to present operations, the slow work has delayed final installation of antennas and a full check of bureau reception.

2. One of the bureau's four sets of Drexel furniture arrived with fairly heavy damage to several of the crates. A survey report with photographs has just been received from the freight forwarder in Durban, who attributes the damage to the placement of heavy cargo on top of the crates during shipment. A full assessment of the damage, and the possibility of repairing salvageable pieces, is underway. About half of the set suffered at least some damage.

IV. VISITS

1. London Bureau teletype supervisor left on 5 June after a 1-month TDY helping in the bureau's communications section.

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2. The bureau chief called on the Permanent Secretary in the Deputy Prime Minister's office on 8 June to discuss FBIS services to the Swazi Government.



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Chief, Swaziland Bureau, FBIS

Attachments;
Production Report
Engineering Report

cc: Chief, Abidjan Bureau

SWAZILAND BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JUNE 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	44,780
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	9,090
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	161

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	455 min.		19 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BOTSWANA	
Gaberone Domestic Service in English	100
LESOTHO	
Maseru Domestic Service in English	1,230
MADAGASCAR	
Antananarivo Domestic Service in French	150
MOZAMBIQUE	
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	5,840
SOUTH AFRICA	
Johannesburg International Service in English	2,040
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	3,570
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	4,010
Umtata Capital Radio in English	4,680

Johannesburg RAND DAILY MAIL in English	7,610
Johannesburg THE STAR in English	5,800
Johannesburg THE SUNDAY EXPRESS in English	600
Johannesburg THE SUNDAY TIMES in English	230
SWAZILAND	
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English	8,200
ZIMBABWE	
Harare Domestic Service in English	720

SWAZILAND BUREAU ENGINEERING REPORT FOR JUNE 1982

The following non-expendible property was received during the month:

Shredder, Intimus 007S, 220 VAC
50 Hz, single phase
1 each \$5,599.20

Received from Hqs